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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR FOREIGN MINISTER MALMIERCA

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PLEASE SEEK OUT MALMIERCA OR ANILLO AT THE EARLIEST
POSSIBLE MOMENT TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. (IN RESPONSE TO ANILLO'S REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION
PARA 2 REFTEL)

- THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH THE
GOVERNMENTS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO,
ANGOLA, ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA - AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER
GOVERNMENTS IN EUROPE AND AFRICA - TO DISCUSS THE EVENTS
IN SHABA PROVINCE;

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- AS STATED BY THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SPOKESMAN YESTERDAY,
THE U.S. HAS AGREED TO REQUESTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF
BELGIUM, FRANCE AND ZAIRE FOR AIRLIFT SUPPORT IN CONNECTION
WITH THE OPERATIONS THAT THESE GOVERNMENTS ARE UNDERTAKING
TO PROTECT FOREIGN NATIONALS IN THE AREA OF KOLWEZI AND SHABA
PROVINCE, ZAIRE. TO CARRY OUT THIS OPERATION, WE ARE

PROVIDING AIRLIFT SUPPORT TO DESTINATIONS IN ZAIRE OUTSIDE

THE AREA OF CONFLICT.

B. THE DEPARTMENT'S PRESS SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY WHICH RECORDED "OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE (KATANGESE) INSURGENTS HAVE BEEN TRAINED RECENTLY BY CUBANS IN ANGOLA AND ARE USING SOVIET WEAPONS" WAS BASED ON INFORMATION FROM VARIOUS SOURCES INCLUDING A RECENT STATEMENT RELIABLY ATTRIBUTED TO GENERAL MBUMBA HIMSELF.

C. THE DEPARTMENT EXPRESSES ITS REGRET TO THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE LEAK OF THE REPORT OF YOUR CONVERSATION WITH CASTRO.

D. AS SUGGESTED BY ANILLO, WE HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED THE CUBAN MISSION TO THE UN TO REITERATE THE SECRETARY'S INTEREST IN HAVING A CONFIDENTIAL MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ IN NEW YORK NEXT WEEK.
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